

## THAW CASE IS READY

District Attorney Jerome Is Prepared to Go to Trial.

## HINT AT STARTLING STORY

Counsel for Defense Carefully Conceal Line of Action, But Intimate Some Startling Revelations May Be Made—Mrs. Holman Is Very Bitter Against Her Son-in-Law.

New York, Jan. 4.—It is practically settled in the district attorney's office just what will be done by the prosecution in presenting its case against Harry K. Thaw for the murder of Stanford White, of the Madison Square Roof Garden. From the prosecution's standpoint, the trial will be a short one. About five witnesses will be examined in presenting the direct case. These witnesses will tell of the shooting and the events that happened on the Madison Square Roof Garden.

That will put it up to Thaw's counsel to explain the killing. Unless both Thaw and his wife should go on the stand and tell stories which would require a good deal of contradiction by the prosecution, the belief is that the trial will not be near as long as the other cases which have had a like amount of notoriety.

There has been no statement from Thaw's counsel of what the defense will be. There has been a hint that it would be a startling story—a story that no mention has been made of even in the many wild yarns that have been printed. Thaw, his wife, and his mother, it is said, are averse to the straight out and out insanity.

## Know Thaw's Every Move.

It is understood that the district attorney's office has in its possession information concerning every move made by Thaw and his wife before they were married, and the relations of White with Evelyn Nesbit before she married Thaw. Not the least interesting figure in this side of the case will be Mrs. C. J. Holman, Mrs. Harry Thaw's mother. She is now in Pittsburgh, and there have been reports that she will be here for the trial. It is known that if she is wanted by the prosecution she will be on hand. But she will not be used as a witness, unless it is for the purpose of refuting testimony brought out in Thaw's behalf.

It is pretty definitely known that the district attorney's office has been in communication with Mrs. Holman, and that not only she but other members of her family are ready and prepared to give testimony against Thaw to show that his treatment of his wife was not all that it should have been. She has also in her possession letters written by White to her which throw no discredit on his actions toward Evelyn Nesbit.

## Mrs. Holman Very Bitter.

Mrs. Holman is known to be very bitter against her daughter. She is said to have declared with much vehemence that she would not ally herself with the Thaw side of the case, but was willing to testify and tell whatever she knew about the case.

Outside of Thaw's wife and his mother, the other members of the family are said to be strongly in favor of the insanity plea. There has been some talk of a family conference to discuss this subject. It is expected that the Countess of Yarnmouth, Thaw's sister, will return to this country for the purpose of using her influence with him.

## Offers Her Auto for Drunken Man.

New York, Jan. 4.—While Policeman Cannon, of the West 100th street station, was struggling with a drunken man at Eighty-ninth street and Amsterdam avenue last night, a woman living on Central Park West drove up in her automobile, jumped out, and offered her machine to the policeman. "It's a shame to put him in a patrol wagon," said the woman.

## WEATHER CONDITIONS.

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture, Weather Bureau. Washington, Friday, Jan. 4, 1907.—8 p. m. The Northwestern part of the United States, with still further increased dry, and clear weather is general to-night, except in the extreme Northwest, including the North Pacific States and the North Pacific, where there were rains and snows.

Temperatures have fallen east of the Mississippi River, except in New England, and have risen decidedly in the West, except in Western Montana. There will be rain or snow Saturday over the Middle and Northern districts, and over the Rocky Mountains, continuing Sunday over the Northern districts; snow Saturday in the Northwest and the Central Rocky Mountain region, continuing Sunday in the latter district, and clearing into rain, and probably the Upper Mississippi Valley and the Upper Lake region; elsewhere the weather will be generally fair, with a few showers, and a cold Saturday in New England and the extreme Northwest, and warmer in the central valleys. It will be warmer Sunday in the Atlantic States, and colder in the Upper Mississippi and Missouri valleys and extreme Central West.

The winds along the New England coast will be westerly, strong, and becoming variable Sunday; on the Middle Atlantic coast fresh northerly, becoming variable; on the South Atlantic coast light to fresh, west to north on the East Gulf coast light to fresh, northeast to southeast; on the West Gulf coast light to fresh, south to south, and on Lake Michigan fresh to high southerly, shifting to northerly.

Special Forecast. Storm warnings are displayed on the New England coast. Flood warnings have been issued for the Willamette at Portland, Ore., and the Upper Sacramento River at Oroville, and supplementary warnings for the Wash and lower Ohio rivers. A stage of thirty-nine feet, and possibly more, is indicated at Portland at the present rise, and thirty-eight or thirty-nine feet at Mount Vernon, Ind.

## Local Temperatures.

Midnight, 48; 2 a. m., 48; 4 a. m., 50; 6 a. m., 50; 8 a. m., 51; 10 a. m., 52; 12 noon, 52; 2 p. m., 54; 4 p. m., 54; 6 p. m., 54; 8 p. m., 54; 10 p. m., 54; Maximum, 54; minimum, 48.

## Temperatures in Other Cities.

Temperatures in other cities, together with the rainfall, for the past twelve hours ended at 8 p. m. yesterday, were as follows:

	Max.	Min.	8 p. m.	Rain.
Asheville, N. C.	52	42	42	
Atlanta, Ga.	52	42	42	
Baltimore, Md.	52	42	42	
Boston, Mass.	52	42	42	
Buffalo, N. Y.	52	42	42	
Chicago, Ill.	52	42	42	
Cincinnati, Ohio	52	42	42	
Cleveland, Ohio	52	42	42	
Denver, Colo.	52	42	42	
Des Moines, Iowa	52	42	42	
Galveston, Tex.	52	42	42	
Helena, Mont.	52	42	42	
Indianapolis, Ind.	52	42	42	
Jacksonville, Fla.	52	42	42	
Kansas City, Mo.	52	42	42	
Little Rock, Ark.	52	42	42	
Marquette, Mich.	52	42	42	
Memphis, Tenn.	52	42	42	
New Orleans, La.	52	42	42	
New York, N. Y.	52	42	42	
North Platte, Neb.	52	42	42	
Omaha, Neb.	52	42	42	
Pittsburgh, Pa.	52	42	42	
Salt Lake City, Utah	52	42	42	
St. Louis, Mo.	52	42	42	
St. Paul, Minn.	52	42	42	
Springfield, Ill.	52	42	42	
Vicksburg, Miss.	52	42	42	

## HILL COURTS INVESTIGATION.

Invites Attorney General to Inquire Into His Election to Senate.

Lansing, Mich., Jan. 4.—Arthur Hill sent the following letter by messenger from his hotel to the State House to-day: "Hon. John E. Bird, Attorney General, State of Michigan: "The governor of the State has publicly imputed to me improper methods in the conduct of my campaign for the United States Senate, basing such imputations upon rumors. I have denied such imputations and pronounced these rumors baseless. The State legislature has adjourned for the announced purpose of investigating these rumors. In order that it may be thorough, searching, and judicial, and since it affects the standing, integrity, and action of the members of the State legislature, I ask you to at once enter upon such investigation."

One hour before the letter was sent to the attorney general the latter left for Lansing. He said just before leaving that he did not expect to return to Lansing until next week. Deputy General McGill said he could not say what would be done until he heard from Bird. The governor, who is confined to his bed at his Farmington house is better to-day, but the nature of his trouble is chronic rather than acute. At the present rate of gain, the patient will not be in condition to go to Lansing before the latter part of next week, and the entire matter will remain as at present until he is well.

## SUGGESTS POLICE REFORM.

Former Commissioner Says Majority of Force Are Disloyal to People.

New York, Jan. 4.—Joel B. Erhardt, who was once a police commissioner himself, and who served on the committee of nine to suggest reforms in the department, to-day sent a long letter to Commissioner Erhardt, in which he describes the present conditions of the New York police force as "putrid," expresses sympathy with Commissioner Bingham, and says that increased power of removal should be conferred upon him.

He further says that the majority of the force are disloyal to the people, and that the defective force is worse than the main body of the police.

He cites a case of brutality he witnessed on a street car, where a detective sergeant beat two colored women who had a misunderstanding with some white women, and says that although he complained of the officer's action, nothing was done.

## FRENCH BISHOPS ASSEMBLE

Cardinal Richard Calls Meeting for January 15.

Conference to Be Held in Chateau de la Muette, Surrounded by High Walls.

Paris, Jan. 4.—Cardinal Richard has fixed January 15 as the date for the meeting of the French bishops, which will be held at Count Franqueville's Chateau de la Muette, a spacious mansion, surrounded by a high wall. Two sittings will be held daily. Cardinals Richard, Coullié, and Léon were act as presidents.

The government apparently has not arranged a plan of procedure in regard to infractions of the law of 1881, for which so many procès verbal were issued in Paris, and no further action has been taken in the provinces. A few cases have been heard with varying results.

A magistrate in Châlons-sur-Marne fined a priest a franc, while a magistrate at Langres, close by, acquitted the accused. A magistrate at Valognes fined two priests two francs each. It is noticeable that any charge involving violence to the clergy is dealt with in a severe manner.

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Government agents will attend the churches at Avignon Sunday to watch for contraventions of the new Briand law. The clergy are being watched closely, and the agents to the agents an association of three members of the laity, formed with the clergy's approbation, to assure the exercise of religion under the law of 1901, thus avoiding any declaration.

## MR. WILSON IS ASTONISHED.

Visits Distilleries at Peoria, Ill., and Is Pleased with Methods.

Peoria, Ill., Jan. 4.—James A. Wilson, Secretary of Agriculture, and party from Washington, consisting of Dr. J. W. Wiley, special chemist, and Attorney V. O. P. McCabe, arrived in Peoria to-day to hear the pleas of the local independent distillers on rulings of the Agricultural Department relating to the pure-food law, and to visit the distilleries. The distillers want the rulings of the Agricultural Department on the new law modified in their favor.

Secretary Wilson expressed both astonishment and pleasure with the methods employed in the largest distilleries in the world. At night he was the guest of honor at a banquet given by the distillers.

## VATICAN NOT RESPONSIBLE.

Persons Feeling Injured by France Must Act for Themselves.

Rome, Jan. 4.—The Osservatore Romano publishes to-day the following communication from the Vatican: "It is stated that of the documents seized from the nunciature, at Paris, on December 11, the French government publishes some relating to certain persons."

## Drowned in Swimming Tank.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Without attracting the attention of the attendants, and unnoticed by his fellow-bathers, Chester A. Ritter, twenty-four years old, the son of a wealthy Mountbourn family, was drowned in the Y. M. C. A. swimming tank last night. Not until his body was found in eight feet of water this afternoon was it known that he had met death.

## Millionaire Jeweler Dead.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Lazarus Lebolt, founder of the jewelry firm of Lebolt & Co., with New York and Paris branches, and a Chicago pioneer, died at his home to-day aged seventy-five. He was ill for two weeks of neuralgia of the heart. He is rated as a multi-millionaire.

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## TRAINMEN TO STRIKE

Roads in United States, Canada, and Mexico Affected.

## MORE PAY; SHORTER HOURS

Demands Must Be Met or 150,000 Men Will Walk Out as Fast as Present Contracts Between Unions and Employers Expire—Eight-hour Day. There Is No Sign of Weakening.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—Unless the railroads accede to their demands for more pay, shorter hours, and better working conditions, 150,000 trainmen in the United States, Canada, and Mexico will strike as fast as present contracts between the unions and employers expire. This decision is the result of a meeting here to-day between Grand Chief A. B. Garrettson, of the Railway Conductors; Grand Chief P. H. Morrissey, of the Railway Trainmen; Grand Master J. J. Hannahan, of the Locomotive Firemen, and representatives of the Brotherhoods of Engineers and Switchmen. The men's demands are as follows:

Salary increases ranging from 5 to 25 per cent. Universal eight-hour day. Better working conditions, including safety appliances and more switchmen, watchmen, and firemen where the service is rendered dangerous by inadequacy of working forces.

## Came as a Shock.

The railroad employees' meeting came as a shock to the managers, who are already in conference with the engineers concerning demands similar to those by the affiliated brotherhoods. In addition to this, the city has just been made headquarters of the Southern Pacific firemen's strike on the Atlantic division of that system. The latest movement is so large, however, as to dwarf the two minor struggles, which have almost been lost sight of, except by the men directly interested. The new demands come close on the heels of a 15 per cent advance to the switchmen on lines west of Buffalo, and to voluntary advances in all lines of work on many other roads throughout the country.

## Eight-hour Day Impossible.

The managers have maintained that the eight-hour day was impossible under existing conditions, and supposed the question shelved, at least temporarily. The union leaders deny, however, that the shorter day cannot be granted, asserting that it will involve only a slight increase in the working force on each road. They accuse the employers of adopting a policy of delay, which to-day's alliance is expected to terminate.

Though the various brotherhood contracts do not expire simultaneously, all are near that close. As they terminate, the brotherhoods will submit their demands for shorter hours and more pay, and after waiting thirty days for compliance will call strike votes.

## No Sign of Weakening.

Grand Master Hannahan, of the firemen, who is here not only to attend the big meeting, but to conduct the Southern Pacific strike, says no sign of weakening has been shown by the company, and that he expects a spread of the strike to the rest of the Harriman lines almost hourly.

The engineers on the twenty-three railroads running West from Chicago have as yet failed to come to terms with the managers concerning their demand for the eight-hour day, and say none of the other questions will be taken up until that one—on which an agreement was hopeless—is settled.

Committees from the trainmen's unions on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy waited on their employers to-day to discuss shorter hours and more pay, but failed to reach any agreement with the companies.

## PLAN TO BUILD TALL TOWER.

Architects File Drawings for Forty-six-story Skyscraper.

New York, Jan. 4.—A tower is to be built on the northwest corner of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company building, which will mount 57 feet 5 inches from the curb. It will be forty-six stories high and part of the big marble building that occupies the entire block bounded by Madison and Fourth avenues and Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets.

Up to a height of 42 feet the tower will be 74 feet square, with nine windows on a side in each story. Above the main section a peaked dome will rise to the height of 94 feet, and the dome will be surmounted by an octagonal cupola 70 feet high. An observatory 38 feet above the curb will afford a magnificent view of the city and, with its center 35 feet above the ground, an ornamental clock, with a dial 25 feet across, will reach from the twenty-fourth to the twenty-sixth story. The tower will be built of steel skeleton construction filled out with ornamental brick and marble. It will cost \$2,000,000.

The drawings filed yesterday by the architects, Napoleon Le Brun & Son, are the fourth set. There are sixty-one separate drawings showing the wind bracing for the tower and other architectural features.

## FLEEDED BY CARD SHARP.

Twenty-five Passengers of Liner Look for Winner Too Late.

New York, Jan. 4.—Twenty-five men who arrived here to-day on the steamship Mainz from Bremen, had the idea that there had been a card sharp on the boat, because most of them were out of all the spare money they had, and one of the number, who was going to Syracuse to make his home, had but two marks above his railroad ticket.

He who had played so well was a tall, dark man, who wore a fur-lined coat, and said that he was a fur dealer of New York and St. Petersburg. The game that they played in the smoking room was vingt et un, and the furrier usually won.

On the pier the tall Russian hustled around and got his baggage examined in a hurry. The twenty-five losers looked for him too late.

## Oldest House in Cumberland Goes.

Special to The Washington Herald. Cumberland, Md., Jan. 4.—The oldest house in Cumberland, the Tuttle property, on North Mechanic street, has been razed to make room for three modern dwellings. A letter dated 1791 was found in the attic, and a cane underneath the house. It was located on the main thoroughfare of the old National Pike through Cumberland.

Wife Slayer Is Sentenced. Danville, Va., Jan. 4.—J. W. Nance, a farmer of this county, charged with beating his wife to death with an iron poker, was to-day found guilty of murder in the second degree, and his punishment fixed at eighteen years in the penitentiary.

## GOTTIEB HELD FOR COURT.

Physician, Who Sent Infernal Machine to Father-in-law, in Jail.

New York, Jan. 4.—Abandoned by his wife, Dr. Julius Adelphi Gottlieb, of 25 West 166th street, who was arrested last night at his home for sending an infernal machine to his father-in-law, Morris Glucksmann, of 211 East Sixtieth street, was held by Magistrate Breen in the Yorkville Court to-day in \$5,000 bail for further examination at 9 o'clock Sunday morning. The physician is technically charged with having violated section 28 of the penal code, which regulates the transportation of combustibles, but it is possible that a more serious charge of having made an attempt on the life of Glucksmann may be brought against him. Gottlieb, after having spent a very uncomfortable half hour with Inspector McLaughlin at police headquarters, confessed that he had sent the alleged deadly machine to his father-in-law as a New Year's Day joke.

## PAYS FOR SEIZED HORSES.

Cuban Claims Commission Repairs Losses Through Revolutionists.

Havana, Jan. 4.—The claims commission passed on claims involving eighty-three horses seized by revolutionists. The claimants will be paid out of a sum of \$50,000 appropriated for this purpose.

On December 31 Cuba had on hand \$1,117,000 in cash, of which \$84,563 was unappropriated. The revenue for the last six months was \$12,972,000. The average monthly revenue from customs during 1906 was \$2,228,000, and the average for the last six months, \$1,949,000.

Gov. Magoun's letter to the law commission is published. It says, in substance, that the negotiations between Secretary Taft and the rebels brought out defects in certain laws. The commission is empowered to make necessary new laws to amend the old ones. The commission decided to-day that its four subcommittees should consult with officials, private organizations, and individuals regarding the laws under consideration.

## ORGANIZE TO AID CHILDREN.

International Society Will Study Legislation for Delinquents.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—The strengthening of laws to protect children is the purpose of the International Juvenile Court Society, organized here to-day.

Judge Ben. E. Lindsey, of the Juvenile Court of Denver, who called the meeting, was chosen as head of the society, was authorized to secure a charter under the Illinois law.

A central office to care for juvenile court matters will be established here. "From all countries come inquiries concerning the working of the juvenile courts," said Lindsey, "and the society should be handled systematically to accomplish the greatest good."

Judge Lindsey left for Utah to-night at the request of Earl Grey, governor general of Canada, who is seeking the best forms of legislation for the care of delinquent and dependent children.

## MISSING DOCTOR DEAD.

Hunter Discovers Body of W. M. Weaver in Woods Near Asylum.

New York, Jan. 4.—With his hand clasped to a pocket over his heart, in which there was a photograph of his wife, the body of William M. Weaver, thirty-six years old, a prominent physician and a graduate of Yale, was found yesterday afternoon hanging from a branch of a tree in the deep woods back of the convent of the Sisters of St. Joseph, at Brentwood, Long Island.

Dr. Weaver escaped from the State Hospital for the Insane, at Central Islip, on December 16 last. The body was found by John Laird, a hunter.

The unfortunate doctor chose to end his life five miles from the institution, and in the wildest part of the woods. There were indications that Dr. Weaver had set about his suicide with great deliberation.

Mrs. Weaver, who lives at the Edinboro, 26 West 103d street, was notified by the hospital authorities.

Dr. Weaver was a man of splendid physical proportions. He was six feet three inches tall, with broad shoulders. After his college course he took up the practice of medicine in Hartford, Conn.

Last April the doctor's mind gave way entirely, and he was reluctantly had him committed to the hospital.

## MASSACHUSETTS IN LINE.

Bill Aimed at Standard Oil Introduced in General Assembly.

Boston, Jan. 4.—A bill to prevent alleged unfair commercial discrimination and to believe, will insure the game. Were I a promoter, I would first match "Squires" with Burns, O'Brien, or some other good heavy-weight. Should Squires win, then pit him against Jeff. The American fighting public does not know the ability of the Australian, and the interest in a mill between Jeff and he would not be great.

"O'Brien is the cleverest man in the business at the weight, and when a man holds his own with him he is considered good. When Burns and O'Brien fought I picked Jack. The result was a surprise to me, and do not be surprised if Tommy disposes of a number of the present-day stars."

"Jack seemed so anxious to grab that return match, and you know he thinks more of his reputation than he does of money. He must be under the impression that the Burns would not be able to land another punch that will compel him to hot-foot around the ring. That is how I look at it."

## MURPHY ROUNDING INTO CONDITION.

New York, Jan. 4.—Johnny Oliver, the manager of Harlem Tommy Murphy, yesterday declared that the little Harlequin was in fine condition for his six-round encounter with Young Corbett, at Philadelphia on January 9. The Pride of Harlem has been working consistently since Christmas, and says he is now in better shape than ever before.

## Indian Athlete's Long Training.

Carlisle, Pa., Jan. 4.—The Carlisle Indians have unusual opportunity to study football and other sports and become adepts at various games. Frank Mount Pleasant, the remarkable round half back and basket-ball player, has been a member of the Carlisle school for eighteen years. He entered the institution at the age of seven.

## Fort Dodge, Iowa, Jan. 4.—Started by a friend who slapped him on the back, A. H. Hayden, of Gilmore City, fell on an icy sidewalk to-day and sustained injuries from which he died in a few minutes.

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## RAILWAY INQUIRY ON

Harriman Methods Are Under Fire of Commerce Board.

## ASKS ABOUT SOME BIG LOANS

No Figures Were Given Nor Any Clew to What These Amounts Were Is Recorded—Executive Committee Merely Ratified and Confirmed the Railroad Magnate's Acts.

New York, Jan. 4.—E. H. Harriman's enormous stock purchase in behalf of the railroads he controls and the practically unlimited authority given to him by the executive committee of the Union Pacific to borrow money were gone into to some extent to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the inquiry which it has started into the Harriman railroad system.

It was brought out in the afternoon that since the annual report of the Union Pacific and Oregon Short Line, of June 30, those two roads have bought \$100,000,000 of stock in other roads, the most notable purchase being that of \$28,123,100 of the \$55,000,000 of Illinois Central stock. This was authorized at a meeting of the Union Pacific executive committee on Harriman's recommendation, the meeting being held on July 19, 1906.

In October, it also developed, Harriman bought 6,250 of the preferred and 11,250 of the common shares in the Railroad Securities Company, a holding company for Illinois Central stock. For this he gave \$1,377,750 shares of the Illinois Central and \$1,377,750 in cash. These purchases were made at the time when Harriman was out to do up Fish apparently. Harriman in these transactions sold stock to his own company. He owned one-third of the stock of the Railroad Securities Company and 20,000 shares of the Illinois Central stock purchased in July.

## Simply Ratified Harriman's Act.

The records of the executive committee, which were read this afternoon, showed that Harriman almost invariably went ahead with such transactions, and the executive committee simply met and resolved to ratify and confirm his action. This was under a section of the by-laws of the Union Pacific and other companies giving the executive committee the power of the whole board of directors and then giving the chairman of the executive committee the power of that committee when it was not in session.

There were a number of vague references made to the loans negotiated by Mr. Harriman on the minutes of the executive committee, with the simple statement that they had been approved. No figures were given nor any clew to what these loans were, except that they were referred to statements by the committee to-morrow morning showing these transactions.

The inquiry developed to-day much that was already known about the Harriman stock purchases, and much that was not known. Much time was spent in getting from the two witnesses examined facts tending to show that the various Harriman railroads, including the Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific, were not known by the same officers and were, to all intents and purposes, one system. It was also brought out, for purposes of the investigation, that they fed steamship lines under the same control.

## To Be Brought Out Later.

No questions were asked to-day tending to show that these lines were parallel and competing roads, beyond the fact elicited that in a general way they ran from the Pacific Coast to the Eastern States. That they are natural competitors, and were in reality such before their acquisition by Harriman, the commission expects to bring out later.

Harriman did not appear to-day as was expected, John G. Milburn stating for him that he was still suffering from a slight surgical operation. He was willing to be examined at his home, but the fact that Harriman's testimony will be given later, upon which the commission's return to this city from Chicago, where it goes to-morrow night.

## GIVE SQUIRES A TRY-OUT.

Jim Corbett Thinks Match with Jeffries Will Hurt Game.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—James J. Corbett said to-day: "It is with sadness that I read of the attempt to pit Jeff against the Australian fighter, Squires. Such a move, I believe, will injure the game. Were I a promoter, I would first match 'Squires' with Burns, O'Brien, or some other good heavy-weight. Should Squires win, then pit him against Jeff. The American fighting public does not know the ability of the Australian, and the interest in a mill between Jeff and he would not be great."

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